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In re application of

Minoru USUI, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 11, please delete the third full paragraph, and replace it with the following:

Specifically, in the example in Fig. 11(a), the induction member 49 is integrally formed with the ink supply needle 48, and in the example in Fig. 11(b), a rod-shaped induction member 53 is formed along the center line of a member or holder 52 that can be mounted in a filter chamber 50 and that has ink flow windows 51. The lengths of the induction members 49 and 53 are so adjusted that their lower ends substantially contact the filter 35 in order to spread the ink out across the surface of the filter 35.

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